



## Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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### 2009 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK MAY 3-9

#### *Opportunity to showcase Milwaukee County's key role in southeastern Wisconsin*

**Milwaukee, WI** – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is proud to recognize this year's National County Government Week, designed to raise awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of County government. Sponsored by the National Association of Counties, the event was first held in 1991 to recognize the nation's 3,068 counties.

Counties play an important role in protecting and enhancing the health, welfare and safety of residents in sensible and cost-effective ways. Included in this responsibility is protecting the environment and wise use of our natural resources. Some residents may not be aware of the wide range of services provided by Milwaukee County government, including mass transit, an international airport, mental health care, services for seniors and those with disabilities, public safety, parks, recreational opportunities, cultural attractions, a zoo, etc. Many of these offerings stretch beyond the borders of Milwaukee County to serve the entire region.

The theme for this year's observance, which runs from May 3-9, is "Greening our Future." In Milwaukee County, the Green Print legislation, enacted in 2007, has greatly improved Milwaukee County's environmental and conservation efforts. Earlier this year, the County received a Focus on Energy grant for energy upgrades completed at the Courthouse complex.

"This weeklong observance is a great opportunity for us to highlight all the exciting things happening in Milwaukee County," Chairman Holloway said. "Creative initiatives like the Green Print help Milwaukee County modernize the way it does business. I commend Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic for authoring this legislation, and I am pleased to showcase these efforts as part of our observance of National County Government Week."

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To learn more about the Green Print, visit <http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/DPW/MilwaukeeCountysGreenPrint.htm>

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